

REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES

February 8, 2011 - 12:00 TO 2:00 PM

Ada County Sheriff's Office

7200 W Barrister, Boise, ID

CHAIR: Greg Dickerson

VICE CHAIR: Sharon Ullman

Attendees: Greg Dickerson, Vern Garrett, Gayle Larson, Mary Rong, Justine Murphy, Shelley Retter, Courtney Santillan, Scott Armentrout, Kate Pape, Martha Ekhooff, Laura Thomas

Excused Absences:

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Next Steps</u>
Introductions and Attendance	Greg Dickerson	Justine Murphy of Mountain States was introduced.	
Review Agenda Approval of last meeting's minutes	Greg Dickerson	Courtney motioned that the January 2011 minutes be approved as typed. Scott seconded. All voted in favor.	
Election of new Chair and Co-Chair in April	Greg Dickerson	<p>Greg asked members to think about who they would like as the next Chair and Co-Chair. Scott asked if Greg could be Chair for a second year. Greg responded that based on the direction of upcoming legislation, he might not be able to serve on the Board. Proposed legislation prohibits providers from serving on the Board. If PSR is eliminated, his business' doors will close so he wouldn't be a provider any more. Based on how the legislation goes through, the State Planning Council and MH Boards' structures could change.</p> <p>Laura asked Vern if SA providers were at the sub-committee level. Vern did not know what was in the works right now.</p> <p>If legislation does not go through this year, the Board will continue as is for at least another year.</p>	
Filling open Board Positions	Greg Dickerson	Two applications have been received for Board membership, as a result of Greg's letter to the Counties. One was from Ray Moore, Valley County Commissioner, and the other from Arlen Shaw, Elmore County Commissioner. Greg explained that the Regional Director (being Ross), Regional Program Manager (Being Gina) and a County Commissioner (being Sharon) needed to	

		<p>meet, review the applications and vote on accepting or denying membership. Gayle will send the documents to all three for their review.</p> <p>Greg mentioned he had received some interest in membership from NAMI.</p>	
Current Legislative Developments	All	<p>Courtney reported the temporary proposed rule change for the CMH program passed the Senate and is on its way to the House.</p> <p>Greg asked if anyone saw the dialog on PBS by the Director Armstrong, which discussed the budget cuts – the blunt approach vs. tailored. It was commended that day treatment just doesn't cut it for most people. Martha said people with mental illness will end up with only two doors to go through: jail or hospital.</p> <p>School districts are being criticized on how they are providing Medicaid funded services.</p> <p>Several advocacy groups are getting together on February 19 for awareness rallies across the state in efforts to education people that "Medicaid Matters" and the impact that Medicaid dollars has on everyone, businesses and individuals alike.</p>	
Member reports and Updates CMH Subcommittee Update RAC Update	All	<p>Kate reported the jail is going to be building a new 88 bed wing for high risk inmates and will be segregated. Construction will begin this fall. The Jail's timeliness of care study indicated it is taking 16 days for an inmate to received care. The Sheriff asked, if there was money to be spend, where could they best use it? The answer was psychiatric care. Right now the jail has one psychiatrist and nurse practitioner two times a week.</p> <p>Martha reported their Peer Specialist Project has been amended. They are hiring PATH peer specialists across the state to work with the homeless. They will be doing a lot of outreach and conducting trainings. Laura offered to set Martha up with the Boise City/Ada County Homeless Coalition.</p> <p>Laura reported the Patricia Kempthorne SA awards will be given out on February 16. One legislator and seven individuals will be receiving them.</p> <p>Courtney reported the location of their Recovery Conference on June 15-17. It will be at the Boise Hotel and Convention Center (the old Holiday Inn on Vista Avenue). Speakers include Steve Wilson and Edgar Conn.</p>	

		<p>The Federation is partnering with NAMI for NAMI Basics Program. Participants must be a parent, teacher or care giver of a child at least age 13.</p> <p>May 3rd is Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. The Boise Fry Company will be doing a promotion on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Shelly reported the education bills in legislation are causing concerns.</p> <p>Mary Reported Region 4 is treading water waiting to see what happens. The Region is focusing on crisis response.</p> <p>Vern reported the annual SA budget is \$900,000 over budget in the first six months. They are paying for CP out of TANF funds which will reduce the overage by \$500,000. Access to Recovery grant by the State provides services to misdemeanants and veteran's children returning for services.</p> <p>The Regional Veterans Office in Valley County is looking to hire peer specialists who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Hope.</p>	
Other Board Items	All		
		Meeting adjourned.	

Next meeting is March 8, 2011 at the Ada County Sheriff's Department.